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Meeting with AMWHIP/2, 17 November 1965

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ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

Reference: (OIRA) 41980, 15 October 1965 (not to JMWAVE or

Action Requested: See paras. 4 and 5.

1. AMWHIP/2 telephoned Hance on 12 November 1965 and announced his presence in Rome. A luncheon date was set for 17 November, when the following information was obtained.

2. Asked about Max INTRATOR (201-300173), AMWHIP/2 said that he is still barred from entering France or England but that through the intercession of the Swiss Ambassador in Cuba the ban on his entering Switzerland has been lifted. Asked about INTRATOR's current income or financial standing, AMWHIP/2 said that he does fairly well but does not enjoy a large income. He added that Ambassador Antonio Maria CARRILLO Carreras (201-349956) had told him that the Cuban regime does not trust INTRATOR but needs him. His function is to arrange for the purchase by the regime of manufacturing plants which can be transported to Cuba in toto and there assembled. He buys for goods rather than cash.

3. AMWHIP/1 and AMWHIP/2 were together in Paris on 13 October 1965 (and presumably for a few days before and/or after this date). While there they saw CARRILLO, from whom they purchased \$12,000 worth of jewelry, almost all of it junk.

4. In Paris on 13 October AMWHIP/1 and AMWHIP/2 met the fru IGLESIAS who appears in (OIRA) 37855, 7 August 1964, as a jeweler trusted by the regime and used by it as an ambassador. AMWHIP/2 says that IGLESIAS, formerly the owner of the largest jewelry store in Havana, is an upright business man. (Note: AMWHIP/2 can never recall IGLESIAS' first name. Identification by Headquarters or JMWAVE would be helpful.) IGLESIAS made the following statement about the heirlooms shipment:

22 NOWZADEH was accompanied to Havana by Tommaso FATTORINI, (See (OIRA) 17855, 7 August 1964; (OIRA) 38644, 10 November 1964, not to JMWAVE or Milan Ham; (OIRA) 42490, 3 December 1964; (OIRA) 41980, 21 January 1965; and (OIRA) 41722, 7 April 1965.) FATTORINI, a

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Flowers, jewelry, and other valuables, the value of which is estimated at \$100,000. The goods were purchased in Havana, plus \$100 for packing and freight. Included in this purchase was silver and gold. The goods would be in France.

4. As was previously reported, the mother of the wife of AMWHIP/2 is dying of cancer in Cuba and has not (according to Cuban medical reports received by the wife) a real goal of time left. Therefore the wife plans to go to Cuba in January 1964 to see her. Ambassador CARILLLO has offered to accompany the wife to Havana and back and, in return, her safe return. AMWHIP/2 is a trifle dubious about the plan but is inclined to think that the risk is minimal. (Station) Comment: He has asked for our views. Headquarters comments are requested.)

5. AMWHIP/2 next spoke of Celia SANCHEZ. (Station) Comment: Although Celia SANCHEZ does not appear in the Alpha Index of Watch List, there have been frequent references to her in (LAPOR) and other traffic. She seems to be a girl Friday to Fidel CASTRO, a person of great importance in the GOC, whose orders are accepted by GOC representatives abroad such as though they came from Fidel himself.) AMWHIP/2 says that Celia SANCHEZ has in Havana a sister whose name he cannot remember, who is an inspector of schools, but whose influence in the regime is greater than her position would suggest. The sister has a husband of whose name AMWHIP/2 is uncertain; he thinks it might be J. SANCHEZ Portella. AMWHIP/2 said that the husband is also a person of considerable influence and that those seeking favors or help in matters in which they cannot turn directly to Fidel or Celia SANCHEZ address their requests to the sister's husband. AMWHIP/2 intends to instruct his wife to look up the husband while she is in Cuba, both as a possible further guarantee of her safety and as a means of getting further information about him.

7. It was suggested to AMWHIP/2 that if his wife makes the trip she might also look up Commandante Juan ALMEIDA Roque (201-224327) (Station) Comment: See WAVE-4021, 30 October 1963, not to (Madrid) (Frankfurt) (Geneva) or (Paris) Headquarters will recall that both the wife of AMWHIP/2 and ALMEIDA are mulattoes (ALMEIDA is quite dark-skinned) and have been friends in the past (when ALMEIDA got the brother of AMWHIP/2's wife out of jail). WAVE-4021 suggested the possibility that ALMEIDA might visit AMWHIP/2 and his wife in Switzerland. It was therefore suggested to AMWHIP/2 that he might extend an invitation for such a visit, which has not materialized to date. (Station) Comment: Although the chances are against acceptance of such an invitation, the chance to assure and to approach the Vice Minister of the Cuban Armed Forces is a possibility one which is not to be overlooked.

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